

Adoption and the College Admissions Process

This workshop is designed for high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors and their families.

The college admissions process can be a stressful experience for students and families.

Adoption can add a layer of complication to the process.

We will talk about:

- Ways in which adoption might be a piece of the college admissions process
- Whether or not a student should reference adoption during the process (and, if so, how)
- How leaving home for college changes the adoption “story” for a student
- Strategies for helping families recognize and reflect on adoption issues in the college process

Speaker/Moderator: Debbie Schwartz is an Independent Educational Consultant advising students and families on the college admissions process. She is also the founder/director of Forever Families Weekend, a program for Jewish families touched by adoption. She was the Program Coordinator for Adoption Connection at Jewish Family Service of Greenwich (CT) and has served on the board of the Adoptive Parents Committee, Inc. Debbie was a 2010 recipient of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Angel in Adoption Award for her work with pre- and post-adoptive families. While working in admissions for Yale, Debbie interviewed both U.S. and international applicants, reviewed applications, and participated in admissions committee meetings. She and her husband are parents to a college student and a high school student, both of whom joined their family through adoption.

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